

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The applicants' attorneys appreciate the Examiner's thorough search and remarks.

Responsive to the objections set forth in paragraphs 4, 5 and 6, corrections have been made and withdrawal of the objections is requested.

Responsive to the rejection of claim 7 as set forth in paragraph 8 of the Office Action, claim 7 has been corrected. Reconsideration is requested.

Numazawa et al. US2005/0037579 A1 (Numazawa) has been cited as teaching a termination structure as set forth in the pending claims. Specifically, it has been stated that figs. 1-3 of Numazawa teach a termination structure. However, a close reading of Numazawa would lead one to the conclusion that figs. 1-3 illustrate a trench gate structure.

Specifically, Fig. 3 shows a cross-sectional view along line B-B of Fig. 1. Also, Fig. 2 shows a cross-sectional view along line A-A of Fig. 1. See paragraphs 24-25.

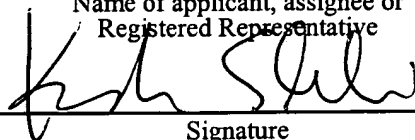
Referring to Figs. 1-3, numeral 6A identifies the gate electrode, par. 51, lines 2-3, numeral 6B identifies the gate lead out electrode, par. 59, line 6, numeral 4 identifies the gate trench, par. 54, line 10, numeral 5 identifies the gate insulation film, par. 54, line 2. Thus, it is clear that Figs. 1-3 illustrate the gate structure of the device, and not the termination structure. Reconsideration of the claims is, therefore, requested.

The application is, therefore, believed to be in condition for allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited.

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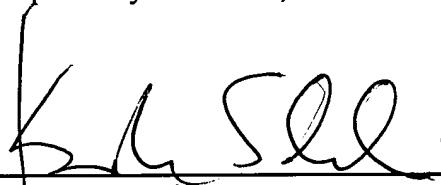


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AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWINGS

Fig. 2 has been amended. The attached sheet of formal drawings replaces the original sheet including Fig. 2.